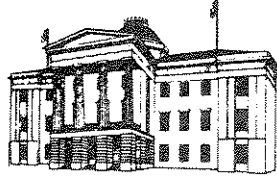


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90 EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE OPHELIA

WHEREAS, I have proclaimed that a State of Emergency exists in North Carolina due to Hurricane Ophelia, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of N.C.G.S. §§166A-4 and 166A-6(c)(3) the Governor, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may regulate and control the flow of vehicular traffic and the operation of transportation services; and

WHEREAS, with the concurrence of the Council of State, I have found that vehicles bearing FOOD, FUEL, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES to relieve our grief stricken counties must adhere to the registration requirements of N.C.G.S. §20-86.1 and N.C.G.S. §20-382, fuel tax requirements of N.C.G.S. §105-449.47, and the size and weight requirements of N.C.G.S. §20-116 and N.C.G.S. §20-118; I have further found that citizens in those counties will likely suffer losses and, therefore, invoke an imminent threat of widespread damage within the meaning of N.C.G.S. §166-A-4(3),

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, and with the concurrence of the Council of State, **IT IS ORDERED**;

Section 1. The Department of Crime Control & Public Safety in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Transportation shall waive the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 390-

398 (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations) and certain size and weight restrictions and penalties therefore arising under N.C.G.S. §20-116 and N.C.G.S. §20-118 and certain registration requirements and penalties therefore arising under N.C.G.S. §§20-86.1, 20-382, 105-449.47, 105-449.49 for the vehicles transporting FOOD, FUEL, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES along North Carolina roadways to our grief stricken counties.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the waivers set forth above, size and weight restrictions and penalties **have not been waived** under the following conditions:

- (A) When the vehicle weight exceeds the maximum gross weight criteria established by the manufacturer (GVWR) or 90,000 pounds gross weight, whichever is less.
- (B) When the tandem axle weight exceeds 42,000 pounds and the single axle weight exceeds 22,000 pounds.
- (C) When a vehicle/vehicle combination exceeds 12 feet in width and a total overall vehicle combination length 75 feet from bumper to bumper.

Section 3. Vehicles referenced under Section 1 shall be exempt from the following registration requirements:

- (A) The \$50.00 fee listed in N.C.G.S. §105-449.49 for a temporary trip permit is waived for the vehicles described above. No quarterly fuel tax is required because the exception in N.C.G.S. §105-449.45(a)(1) applies.
- (B) The registration requirements under N.C.G.S. §20-382 concerning intrastate and interstate for-hire authority is waived; however, vehicles shall maintain the required limits of insurance as required.
- (C) Non-participants in North Carolina's International Registration Plan will be permitted into North Carolina in accordance with the exemptions identified by this Executive Order.

Section 4. The size and weight exemption for vehicles will be allowed on all routes designated by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, except those routes designated as light traffic roads under N.C.G.S. §20-118. This order shall not be in effect on bridges posted pursuant to N.C.G.S. §136-72.

Section 5. The waiver of regulations under 49 CFR Parts 390-398 (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations) **does not apply** to the Controlled Substances and Alcohol use and testing requirements (49 CFR Part 382), the Commercial Drivers License requirements (49 CFR Part 383 and N.C.G.S. §20-37.12) and the Financial Responsibility (Insurance) Requirements (49 CFR Part 387 and N.C.G.S. §20-309(a1)). This waiver shall be in effect for 30 days or the duration of the emergency, whichever is less.

Section 6. The North Carolina State Highway Patrol shall enforce the conditions set forth in Sections 1, 2, and 3 in a manner, which would best accomplish the implementation of this rule without endangering motorists in North Carolina.

Section 7. Upon request, exempted vehicles will be required to produce identification sufficient to establish that its load will be used for emergency relief efforts associated with Hurricane Ophelia.


This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or the duration of the emergency whichever is less.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh this 15th day of September, 2005.




Michael F. Easley
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State